DAVISON'S CASE.

A Fair Statement from a Reputable | leas Citizen of Lincoln County.

The Law as it Applies to the Sitting Member from That County.

FROM YESTERDAY'S COURIER-JOURNAL.

The question of the eligibility of Mr. G M. Davison, now sitting as the representa to determine whether the reasons were a hibrand it in turn has been named tive of Lincoln county in the House of sound or otherwise. Men may differ about James G. Representatives, is purely one of law, that matter. Some (especially Mr. D. just which should be considered and decided now) might think it both absurd and unwithout the slightest reference to the po- just to deny him a seat in the legislature damage was done. litical views of that gentleman or those of for so trivial a cause, while others might his constituents, or the slightest regard to insist that Mr. D. could, as a legislator, be any personal considerations whatever. It instrumental in rendering the emplumental using a broadaxe. on the one hand, those who object to his of his office as master commissioner much holding the position cannot show that he more lucrative than they are now and that is excluded from it by the law of the land he could in the same capacity make a fi their objection should not be heard at all, ting return to the judge who gave him that much less heeded; and, on the other hand office by adding in the passage of an act to if he or those who espouse his cause can handsomely improve the latter's salary, prietors of newspapers. fornish no better answer to the legal ob- But as I have said, these considerations are jection offered, than to charge that he is outside the case as it now stands. So far as being attacked and persecuted on account I am concerned, I am not induced to make of his politics, or on account of the alleged these suggestions by any prejudice whatdisappointment of some who joined in the ever, either personal or political, but soleprotest against his admission to a seat in ly from a sincere desire that the laws of the the General Assembly; to which dis p land shall be fairly interpreted and faith pointed he is claimed to have contributed fully observed. Mr Davison is a friend of by his "skill and sagacity" as a political mine, toward whom I entertain the kindest bose, then he and they ought to abandon feeling, and nothing could be further from the case.

Mr. Davison's being allowed to take his justice. He and I are opponents in poli seat as a member of the House did so in a tics, but that does not make me his enemy, most respectful manner, and rested it solely as I would be if I attempted wrongfully to and explicitly upon the ground of his in debar him from an office to which he is eligibility on account of the fact that he lawfully entitled. was at the time of his election and at the time of his offering to qualify as a representative, holding the office of Master Commissioner and in support of it they cited Art 2, Sec. 27 of the State constitution and Chap. 81, Sec. 6 of the General Statutes. The section of the Constitution cited to in these words:

"No person while he holds or exercises United States shall be eligible to the General Assembly, except Attorneys at Law, justices of the peace and militis offices: Provided that attorneys for the Commonwealth, who receive a fixed annual salary, shall be ineligible "

person holding an office, post or employ ment under the State or the United States. which is incompatable with a seat in the Legislature, shall not be voted for as a senator or representative until he has resigned his office, nor until a duplicate of his re-ig nation has been filed in the court of the county of his residence, and all votes

filed shall be void." That Mr. Davis did hold the office of Master Commissioner and did not resign it panies at Livingston, were here Sunday. before the election, as the law requires, is The denied, but I understand that it is urg ed on his behalf that the constitutional provisions quoted does not apply to his case, because the position of Master Commissioner is not an office, or, if an office at all, it is not such an office as that contem plated by the section of the constitution referred to. Those favoring Mr. D'e c'aim. if I am correctly informed, contend that a the Commonwealth, but by some sort of profound reasoning, which I presume they understand, though nobody el-e can, they reach the conclusion that he is a mere creature and servant of the judge, having no official relation to the State whatever It is true that the office of M. C. was not created by the Constitution, and that no such office is named in that instrument, but it is equally true that the Constitution (Art 6, Sec 10) empowers the General Assembly to provide for the "election or appointment for a term not exceeding four years, of such other county or district, ministerial or executive offices as shall from time to time be necessary and proper," and that exercising the authority thus conferred the Logis lature has by law provided for the appoint ment of a Master Commissioner for each Circuit Court by the judge of that court The law expressly mentions the position as an "office", prescribes the fees of its incum . bent and requires him to execute his offi cial bond "to the Commonwealth." If all this does not discribe unmistakably "an office" of profit under the Commonwealth then it must indeed be something which is

The framers of the Constitution very disfices as exceptions to the rules. The office improved some during the last 38 years. of master commissioner is not among the under the Commonwealth, and if it is not Spillman, by electing his son James in his Sugg.

Why give it to the Commonwealth, which

bis official acts.

incompatible with a seat in the legislature, seed. The Cit zons Notional Book reelect-

The question for the House of R presen tatives to decide is not whether or not the framera of the Constitution did right to de clare the office of master commissioner incompatible with that of representative, but simply did they do i ? It is not for the House to inquire about the reasons moving ho'ding of these two offices by the same lungs. person at the same time, and to undertake my wish and purpose than to deprive him The gentlemen who filed a protest against of any right, or to do him the slightest in

> J. BLAIN Stanford, Jan. 13, 1888

MT VERNON, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY

- Liberty Langford, aged 79, died Friday night, after an illness of two years.

-Capt. Tom Hutchison had two small wrecks on his round-trip from Rowland to Jellico Saturday.

-The Livingston Coal Co's mines, fixany office of profit under the Common- tures etc., have been purchased by Cov. wealth or under the Government of the ington parties, connected with the K. C.

-John Ribinson, the negro charged with shooting at a freight train at Brod head some months since, was fines \$100

-It is believed by many persons living n Brush Creek that elapse after court has adjourned here until trouble will be renewed by the different factions to the feud in which several have lost their lives and others seriously wounded

-Capt L A. Beron, of Manchester, is attending court here. Mayor Mitchell, of Richmond, was with us Friday. J. W. given for him before such resignation is Smith, of Gurrard, passed through to Lon don Sunday. Henry Burton and the Martin brothers, connected with the coal com

-Anyone seeing the last issue of the Signal would have known there was something the matter with Brer Fox without being told of his matrimonial intentions. On the evening of the 14th he was married at the residence of John Luntz in this place to Miss Mattie Adams. A number of the small boys paid the newly married couple their respects and made the night hideous with cow beils, etc. Mr. Fox and Master Commissioner is not an officer under | bride have taken rooms at Mr. J. E. Vow-

> -Among the cases disposed of in court liquor case, and a continuance on two otheis. The trial of the negro for killing Mr. Ball, the guard, is set for Wednesday. Court adjourned Friday till fue-day and only those who were compalled to be pres | and recommending his renomination ent have attended court during the past week, therefore the attendance has been

GARRARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT.

Lancaster.

-Some villian stole a saddle and bridle from B F. Hudson one night inst week. -A Lindenberry has rented the proper

Fannie Bettis deceased,

-J. A. Daty has returned from Atlanta, having sold all his mules. If one can judge by his looks he found a good marker. -Toe blazzard came on time Sunday indiscribable by words and phrezes. If the and was one of the worst of the season. Master Commissioner is a judge's servant. The church congregations were small and why does be not give his bond to the judge? fires were in demand

-What Lancaster needs just now is an according to the argument made in Mr. old fashioned religious revival. There D's behalf has no interest and no control in could be a rich harvest gathered here by

the right man. Let's have Barnes back. -Mr Martin Baker, who lives at Batinetly described the office, which was to be ker's mill, just across the river from the incompatible with representative as "any Garrard line, about 12 miles from here, office of profit under the Commonwealth or | was in town last Friday for the first time under the government of the U. S" And since 1850. He came then to get his liwith equal clearness designated certain of | cense to marry. He thinks the town has

-The National Bank, of Lancaster reexceptions either by expression or implica- elected the old board of directors and filled tion. It is undeniably an office of profit the vac-ney caused by the death of C. J. ing. It is guaranteed by McRoberts & Blood. Only a half delibert A. R. Penny's

then the provision of the fundamental law ed the old board and filled the vacancy on that subject is meaningless and worth made by the resignation of L F Habbe, with Alex Gibin

NEWSY NOTES.

-Sens or Ingelia' restance at Atchison. Kus, burnet. Lies \$20 000

-W. Grant Ciok, of Mircer, a noted farmer and stock breeder, is dead. -Courles Figuring committed suicide at the anthors of that in strament to firbid the Paris by shooting himself through the

-James G. Baine's son, James G., has

-A stight eartiquake frightened the Spata Cerofinians Toursday night, but no

-A Swede at Princeton, Minn , chapped the heads off an wife and seven children,

-A presuffice has been established at Mayo, Mercer county, and W F. Ryerson apprinted postmaster

- I'wenty three members of the present Congress are or have been editors or pro--In a railroad socident near Terre

Haute, a brakeman had both legs and an arm toro off and still lives. -Henry Schmidt was hinged at West Union, La, on Friday for the murder of

Lucre in Peck in September, 1886. The Farmers National, making four becking institutions at Hopkinsville, with \$50 000 cepital, has commenced business.

Doniet Jordan killed Orange Lowe, of Albany, tia, with a knife and kicked and dragged his body on the ground after death, -Two flat cars were run into a freight rain on the K. C Saturday night, and 16. out of 23 mules were killed, valued at \$2,-

-A fire which broke out in the store of B rum, Cornelius & Ca., Indianapolis, de lieve he will gain it. Our very best wisnes stroyed a million dollars' worth of prop- attend him.

postmaster at Nasaville, on his death, died handsome. In order to secure credibility

the warfare

week old, began to talk. -During the last fiscal year Kentucky boyanod's bloom.

paid \$53 000 to grand and \$193,000 to petit -Our neighboring willage, Milledgejacors. In the same time only a little over wille, is sustaining its an \$25 000 in fines were collected.

Ostobor 10, 1880, \$151 487 50 has been drawn from the State Treasury in behalf of former prestige of the place shall be fulthe A. and M. College, at Lexington, Yorker, went to an asignation house with a

plexy and died in his lustful embrace. -Senator Walthail has been renominated for the Mississippi legislature for the and exciting now; but the day is not far term beginning March 1889. He is now

man and while there was seized with apo-

filling the unexpired term of Mr. Lamar -A collision between a passenger and a freight train occurred on the C neinnati Southern line Swarday. No one was hurt

but the engines and a number of cars were -Friderick Gustave Schwatka, father of Lieut Sonwatks, the Arctic explorer, died at Selma, Oregon, aged 78. He was one of the founders of Old Feilowship in the

United States. Gin. Nichols, who was nominated for Governor of Louisiana after a long sod was a \$25 fine against C. W. Ping, old histor contest with the incumbent, Gov. McEnery, was a Confederate soldier and

lust a leg and an arm in the service. -The Louisians democratic convention, after completing the nominations for t e the judge with the attorneys are spending State ticket, passed resolutions inder ing, out of a sleigh ride is to sit in a warm coxy Sunday at home. Owing to had weather (the administration of President Cleveland,

-Both monses of the Mossestppi Legis fature adopted a resolution expressive of the gratification felt by them at the comination of Mr Lamer for the Supreme bence and recognizing the high qualities of that gentleman as a scholar, lawyer and

-The worst b izzard of the sensor has been pregenting in Dikora and Minnesots, erry of H T. Noel, which N et purchased the mercury at some panes going down to quired. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfac-40° beinw z ero R illroad 'coffi is entirely tion, or at ney refunded. Price, 125 cents per box. - Randall Bettie has been appointed gate suspended, anow 15 to 20 feet deep fiding keeper on the Danville pike vice Aunt the cuts. Fifty or more people are reported ir zon to death.

-William Hadley shot and fatally wounded George Hunt at Brebe, Ark. They both loved Miss Mary Wooten, who accepted Hadley. The discarded lover avoided a difficulty, but when it was fore ed upon him mer it in a bosiness like way

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HUSTONVILLE, LINCOLN COUNTY

-Friday's INTERIOR JOURNAL got in on time, but not up to the schedule of the old pony express.

-Bro N el was outled home to at end fie funeral of his father, and bence had to o e his mest ng, waich was becoming very interesting.

- Drs McCinre, of Junction City, and Bogle, of Danville, were here on Friday, noth regressing the dull times which give them leavure for an unprofessional visit.

-Hoffman's gulesternal, crisique on the comparative homeliness of some of our best cit zens has excited no little interest. For one, however, while my modesty shrinks from the public expose of my infirmities, I frankly confess that I hold a pretty fair second -since Jos lef. the county; I was only third before

-Jim Goods is trying to get up a corper on Arbuckie coffee, being under the impression that there will be an unprecedeated boom in that favorite article. The most amusing spectacle just now, however, to the nervous exceetness with which our more surjugated beaux avoid meeting a woman. It is said that the postoffice rev enties have fallen off 45 per cent, in the last few days. Sanday clothes, jewelry and perfumery have cone into disuse; and widowers and elderly bichelors have retired from the market.

-- We are jubitant over Will Wait on's cheering prospects at the great national me tropolis. All he needs to make his mark is opportunity; and tole he will surely have under the anspices of such a man as Gov. McCreary Diligent in busine s, carnest in purpose, spottess in reputation, amiable in spirit and gentlementy in deportment, he will win his way to respect and confidence from all sorts of men. He is to the line of promotion; and there is every reason to be-

-There is a tradition among the octo -Mrs. Anna Caeatham, who succeeded genurians that when Huffman and they her husband. Gen. Frank Caestham, as were young folks together he was really for this rather improbable statement, they -The New York Stock Exchange has allege that some 50 years ago be noticed declared war against the bucket-shops, and the ravages that time and close attention to has raised a fund of \$10,000 to carry on business, and early piety were making in his human beauty and forthwith banished -Secaror Keens has named his latest every mirror from his house, keeping himheir Joe Brackburg, and it is exid that the self in his own good graces by studying the little fellow has already, though less than a lines and outlines of his departed beauty on a flattered ivory painting takes in his

The former sctore in its frequent drimes -The Auditor's report shows that since have, most of them, passed away, but young America seems restived that the filled. So far as I can understand the -Mrs. Parmelee, the wife of a rich New present actors are mostly very youthfu; but they display a genius for original and persistent deviltry, which gives promise of a dark chapter of crime in the future. Boys, don'! The e except des may be pleasant distant when you will regret even to anguish the follies and outrages of a reckless, lawless boxhood.

-Bedford Lestie, chief clerk to the surveyor of customs at Louisville, is dead

-A difficulty occurred at Annieton, Ala., in the office of the Parke House between W R. Williams, proprietor, and P B. Erans, resulting in the shooting and kill ing of both men. Two by standers were wounded.

-A passenger train on the Chester and Lenoir reilroad went through a treatle ar Hickory, N C. The cars were piled on top of each other, and took fire from the stoves and burned. The passengers escaped with only a 'es slight injuries,

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